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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace page 1, line 4, with the following:

A 1 -- This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/613,650, filed July 10, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. --

The following shows the amendments made to the first line in marked-up form:

-- This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/613,650, filed July 10, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. --

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-73 and add new claims 74-100 as follows: